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TIME-TABLE.

WEEK DAYS

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	7.10
Yauwatt...Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	7.19
Shatin...Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	7.31
Taipei...Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	7.44
Taipei Market...Dep.	7.31	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	7.48
Fanning...Dep.	7.39	10.03	11.18	12.48	2.03	5.24	7.59
Shungshui...Dep.	7.38	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.29	8.03
Shungshui...Arr.	7.43	10.18	11.33	13.03	2.13	5.34	8.08

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shungshui...Dep.	8.10	8.35	9.50	11.40	3.00	4.17	6.08
Shungshui...Dep.	8.23	8.48	10.03	11.53	3.13	4.30	6.20
Fanning...Dep.	8.39	8.16	10.49	12.01	3.11	4.28	6.19
Taipei Market...Dep.	8.42	8.26	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	6.29
Taipei...Dep.	8.46	8.30	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	6.33
Shatin...Dep.	8.59	8.43	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.55	6.46
Yauwatt...Dep.	9.12	8.56	11.30	12.35	3.50	5.08	6.58
Kowloon...Arr.	9.20	9.03	11.37	12.41	4.03	5.18	7.06

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	8.35	9.15	10.30	12.00	2.22	7.10
Yauwatt...Dep.	6.50	8.45	9.24	10.39	12.09	2.31	7.19
Shatin...Dep.	7.02	8.57	9.36	10.51	12.21	2.43	7.31
Taipei...Dep.	7.16	9.11	9.49	11.04	12.34	2.56	7.44
Taipei Market...Dep.	7.31	9.26	10.03	11.18	12.48	3.09	7.48
Fanning...Dep.	7.39	9.34	10.11	11.26	12.56	3.19	7.59
Shungshui...Dep.	7.38	9.33	10.10	11.25	12.55	3.29	8.03
Shungshui...Arr.	7.43	9.38	10.15	11.30	13.00	3.39	8.08

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Shungshui...Dep.	8.10	8.35	9.50	11.40	3.00	4.17	6.08
Shungshui...Dep.	8.19	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.41	6.18
Fanning...Dep.	8.23	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.45	6.20
Taipei Market...Dep.	8.33	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.55	6.30
Taipei...Dep.	8.37	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	6.00	6.34
Shatin...Dep.	8.51	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.55	6.13	6.47
Yauwatt...Dep.	9.03	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.07	6.25	6.59
Kowloon...Arr.	9.11	11.37	12.41	4.03	5.18	6.36	7.07

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CANTON TRADE FIGURES.

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Month.	1925/6.	1924/5.	1923/4.	1922/3.
July	70,711	226,107	233,209	233,209
August	70,711	226,107	233,209	233,209
September	70,711	226,107	233,209	233,209
October	70,711	226,107	233,209	233,209
November	70,711	226,107	233,209	233,209
December	70,711	226,107	233,209	233,209
January	70,711	226,107	233,209	233,209

BANK RETURNS.

THE FIGURES FOR MARCH.

The returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 31st March, 1926, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks:—

Banks.	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	\$13,455,517	\$5,300,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	47,184,064	40,000,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.	1,432,504	550,000
Total	\$62,072,085	\$45,850,000

* In addition Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$1,177,000.

† In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents and Straits Government valued at \$3,708,097.

‡ In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$250,000.

A SMART CAPTURE.

BAG SNATCHER GAOLED.

Mr. Frederick Schnepel, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, was commended by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy on Saturday, for capturing a snatcher on Friday evening.

A young Chinese, in the dock, pleaded guilty to having snatched a handbag belonging to Mrs. Lim.

Sub-Inspector R. C. Watt said that Mrs. Lim and two other ladies were engaged in conversation near the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., in Des Vœux Road Central, when defendant came up from behind and snatched Mrs. Lim's handbag, leaving the strap in her hand. He then bolted up the lane between Messrs. Jardine's and Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw's, and was eventually caught by Mr. Schnepel.

Mr. Schnepel said that he had anticipated that the thief would turn into Pedder Street, and he decided to intercept him. He caught defendant, and a plain-clothes constable came up almost at the same time. The bag was found in defendant's possession.

His Worship characterised Mr. Schnepel's capture as "a smart piece of work."

Defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour, and 15 strokes with the birch.

SINGAPORE RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

By cable received on Saturday afternoon from their Singapore agents the Hongkong Small Investors Co. were informed that there are sellers of the following shares at the prices indicated:

Tapias	\$31.00
Jerams	1.80
New Scudair	3.20
Malaka Pindas	3.30
Malakoff	3.15
Trafalgar	2.00

SHANGHAI DIVIDENDS.

Messrs. Benjamin & Potts received on Saturday the following cable from their Shanghai Office:—Consolidated final dividend of 30 cents, making 80 cents for the year.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong Bank	\$1,055 buy, 1,087/60 sell.
Do.	2125 nom.
Chartered Bank	2314 nom.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	230 buy.
Do.	2131 buy.
P. & O. Bank	291 nom.
East Asia Bank	280 buy.
China Insurance	2825 buy.
China Underwriters	\$1.58 nom.
North China Insurance	214 145 nom.
Union Insurance	283 buy, 285 sell.
Yangtze Insurance	240 nom.
China Fire Insurance	2170 buy.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	2350 buy.
Donghai	238 nom.
H.K. & M. Steamboats	234 buy.
Hongkong Tugs	234 sel.
Indo-China (Pref.)	238 nom.
Do. (Ord.)	240 nom.
Shall Transport	27 buy.
Star Furnace	232 sel.
Waterboats	215 nom.
Oriental Navigations	2350 nom.
China Sugars	234 buy.
Malacca Sugars	234 buy, 2 div. of P.B. Benguet.
Benguet	214 nom.
Kailan Mining Ad.	247 buy.
Langkats (combined)	214 24 buy.
Do. (single)	214 124 buy.
Shanghai Exploration	214 84 buy.
Shanghai Loans	7 nom.
Ranba	23 buy.
Tromoh Mines	25 nom.
Ural Caspian	2 nom.
H.K. & K. Wharves	228 buy, 190 sel.
H.K. & W. Dock	230 nom.
Hongkong	214 165 buy.
New England	214 5.80 buy.
Shanghai Dock	214 108 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	210 10 buy, 10 1/2 sell.
Hongkong Lands	237 sel.
Hongkong Realty (ap.)	23 buy.
H.K. Territorials (fp.)	234 sel.
Humphreys Estates	215 buy.
Prince's Buildings	2100 nom.
Rural Lands	27 nom.
Ewo Cottons	214 104 buy.
Oriental	214 24 buy.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	214 64 buy.
Do. (new)	214 27 buy.
Amusements	2114 buy.
Canton Loans	214 buy.
Cementa (combined)	214 sel.
Do. (old)	214 buy.
Do. (new)	214 buy.
China Buses	214 10 sel.
China Lights (combined)	214 sel.
Do. (old)	214 buy.
Do. (new)	214 buy, 114 sel.
China Provident	214 sel.
Constructions	214 sel.
Dairy Farms	220 nom.
Der A Wing (fp.)	210 nom.
Hongkong Electric	2324 buy.
Macao Electric	240 nom.
H.K. Developments	25 eta. nom.
H.K. Bopes (combined)	230 sel.
Do. (old)	210 sel.
Do. (new)	214 sel.
Hongkong Tramways	224 buy, 24 64/1 sel.
Do. (old)	214 nom.
Mackintosh	214 nom.
Peak Trams (old)	214 buy.
Do. (new)	214 buy, 214 sel.
Sinceres	211 nom.
Taxis	214 sel.
United Asbestos	220 nom.
Watsons (old)	214 sel.
Wm. Howells	210 nom.
Singapore Frictions	214 sel.

CINEMA FEATURES.

CURRENT ATTRACTIONS AT THE THEATRES.

The Hongkong Amusements have secured some very attractive programmes for this week at the Queen's and Star Theatres.

A picture with a very alluring title opened at the Queen's Theatre yesterday, this being "The Painted Flapper," starring Pauline Garon and James Kirkwood in a film story showing that the modern flapper madcap in question is not nearly so bad as she is painted. The story is one of intense home interest from start to finish. It will be shown again to-day.

Mr. D. J. Dimoff, whose performance on the balalaika was much appreciated on Sunday of last week, again appeared at the 5.15 and 9.15 shows at the Queen's yesterday and presented a fine programme which included Chopin's "Polonaise," Monti's "Czardas" and "Kamarinskaya," a composition of his own.

For to-morrow and Wednesday "Wild Oranges" will be the choice fruit on the menu. It is a Goldwyn production and has an unexciting about it that rivets the attention of all on each scene of the picture.

The story is by Joseph Hergesheimer. From Thursday to Saturday Emil Jennings appears in "The Last Laugh," a German film, which is a very excellent production.

At the Star Theatre, Kowloon, there opened yesterday "The Silent Call," starring Strongheart the Wonder dog, which in this picture, takes the part of Flash, a cross between a dog and a wolf. It is a picture of intense interest and excitement adapted from Hal G. Evans' story of "Cross Pull." The picture will be screened again to-day.

To-morrow and Wednesday Alice Lake is appearing in "The Marriage Market," and is supported by Jack Mullhall and Pauline Garon. It is a good drama with sparkling comedy.

From Thursday to Saturday, Lon Chaney will be featured in "The Blind Bargain," in which he takes a dual role—that of a deformed servant and also as a polished and fendish scientist.

FUTURE ATTRACTIONS.

Future attractions include the booking of "Abraham Lincoln" for the Queen's Theatre. It is a picture that will be certain to fill the Theatre at every performance it is screened, portraying as it does the story of one of the greatest men in history. "The French Doll" with Mae Murray is also booked for an early screening here.



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A POST-WAR PHENOMENON.

THE BATTLE FOR MARKETS.

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Dim grey rain fell drearily on the collier-port, and swept sudden acres of wharves and sidings. Silences, hoisted, coal hoists crashed and rattled, crawling strings of coal-trucks bumped and jolted everywhere, and the dock-basin was scummed with a film of floating coal-dust. In the background the Welsh hills were hooded with low, rolling clouds of vapour.

A tiny 0-4-0 works loco fussed up to us, and an angry young man swung himself from the steaming footplate. "Where's Johnson?" he demanded. "Oh, there, Johnson, for the Lord's sake have these tubes properly run before to-morrow, and get all those bird's nests off the tube-plate. And I want that back ash-pan damper raised farther; these damn Abertawe coals run over the fire-bars like treacle. You might see to the safety-valve too—she's blowing about five pounds light. I can't test fuel with a scrap-heap like this." He wiped his hands on cotton-waste and turned to me. "Awfully sorry. Mind waiting just a minute while I clean myself? I've got a couple of fellows to see in the office first, and then we'll have some lunch."

He drove me in a small car through a mile and a half of rain-swept dockland—mostly pot-holes and railway lines—and I sat in his office while trams clanged past outside, and he interviewed his two visitors. What their business was I shall never know; for the first conversation, lasting ten minutes, was conducted by both parties in rapid-fire Italian, and the second was in a strange tongue that I could not place. Afterwards I sought information.

"That! Oh, a Barcelona cementman trying to talk Castilian, and mixing up his Catalan horribly. They mostly do. Good chap, though! I met him once in the Plaza grill in Buenos Aires (I'd been running fuel-tests on the Transandine) and we swapped yarns about the old Paralelo. Then, when I was in Galatz last year, I ran into him again, and we shared a cabine in the Simphon-Orient back to Paris. Now he generally looks me up when he's over this side, and if we're lucky we get a fat order for culm out of him." He ripped open a cable-gram presented by a messenger, ran his eye over it, and swore briefly. "I thought as much. Here's the Ruritanian State railways contract gone to the Anatolian people again, at threepence under our price. Ungrateful Balkan beggars, and I spent about a million lei out there, feeding half their blessed Government in cabarets and making 'em happy at our expense—no saying nothing of talking their fearful lingo till my throat ached. Heigh-ho! Sic vos non vobis! Let's go to lunch!"

Over the chops and beer he became again a simple workshop-hand with a grievance. "Talk about a perambulating junk-heap! The lunks from her tube-plate nearly put the fire out; she gets a hot big-end three times every day; and she wants half a dozen liners put in her blast-pipe before she'll steam. And you have to get on with high-volatile, low-fusibility muck like—well, and names disgustingly, instead of a decent Monmouthshire black-vein or a Cardiff semi-bituminous."

"Stop!" I said. "Listen to me a minute. In 1914 you were a classical scholar of Balliol, reading moral philosophy for Greats. I've heard you on the

Stoic dogmas of Marcus Aurelius, but I'm blessed if you could tell a cylinder from a driving-wheel. And you couldn't say ten words to any foreigner in his own language. Now you are apparently at home in half the capitals of the world, you talk of fifty-seven varieties of coals by their pet names, and the locomotive foreman asks out of your hand. How come?"

He grinned awkwardly. "Oh, the old story. Plenty like me about nowadays. Careers knocked sky-high in '14—unemployed ex-officers in '18—glad to take the first job that came along, and learn it pronto. 'Bein' used to swotting, I suppose I picked things up rather quicker than the average N.U.P. product. And then, of course, knowing how to tie a dress-tie and talk pretty to the señoras helps a bit. 'Tisn't everybody's pigskin in this trade, you see. Before the war it didn't matter; old King Coal could sit at home in Cardiff or Newcastle, and because he had the goods the big Continental buyers had to come to him. During the war, though, when they couldn't get our stuff, they learned to use all sorts of make-do things, from sawdust to charcoal; and now you have to go after 'em hard to bring 'em back to the fold. So you want a fellow who can start for Paris or Peru or somewhere, talk to them in their own language, and if necessary take a shovel in the boiler-room or the stokehold or the footplate and show 'em how. 'Tisn't a bad sort of job, really, once you get to know it."

After we had got our hats and coats I was left speculating on this post-war phenomenon—the public schools' battalions who are going "over the top" like this in our battle for the markets of a sophisticated world. They are interesting material, and I, for one, hope that they will make good.

J. H. M. S.
in the Manchester Guardian.

OBsolete METHODS.

BAYONET FIGHTING TO BE ABOLISHED.

In the recent Southern Command Orders in India by Lt-General Sir Harold Walker, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding-in-Chief, it is notified that bayonet fencing, as taught at the Army School of Physical Training, will be abolished for Indian Limits from 1st April, 1926. For British Limits it will be continued to be given at the Army School of Physical Training as a voluntary subject to those desirous in their spare time.

It is considered that the teaching of bayonet fighting as laid down in Small Arms Training, Volume 1, is over-elaborate, and necessitates more time being spent on training in it than is justified by the experience of the last war, and by the probable use of the bayonet in future. The probable introduction in the near future of anti-gas training necessitates a simplification or reduction of the existing training, as the individual training period is admittedly already over full.

It is proposed, therefore, that in future bayonet training will be limited to teaching all ranks so armed (a) to deliver the double-armed straight forward attack with the bayonet without losing cohesion; (b) to be able to defend themselves in such an attack from an enemy armed similarly, or with the sword; and (c) to have confidence in the weapon and handiness in its use in war.

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HONGKONG CIVIL SERVICE CRICKET CLUB.

INTERESTING SPEECHES AT ANNUAL DINNER.

The Volunteer Headquarters Hall was utilised on Saturday night for the annual dinner of the Hongkong Civil Service Cricket Club, to wind up the 1925-26 season.

About eighty members and guests sat down at the flower-bedecked tables to an excellent repast, and enjoyed no less the "feast of reason and the flow of soul" that followed.

His Honour Mr. Justice J. R. Wood (President of the Club) was in the chair, and others present at the principal table were Sir Henry Gollan (Chief Justice), Hon. Mr. McE. Messer (Colonial Treasurer), Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. W. W. Hornell, M.A., C.I.E. (Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University), Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Acting Colonial Secretary), Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy (Director of Public Works), Mr. C. D. Melbourne and Mr. A. E. Wood (Vice-Presidents of the Club), Mr. P. T. Rumble (Chairman of the Dinner Committee), Mr. F. J. de Rome, C.B.E. (Captain of the 1st XI), Mr. G. R. Sayer, and Mr. H. Edmonds (Captain 2nd XI).

There were also present Mr. R. S. Vergette (Hon. Secretary) and Capt. Steele, M.C. (A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor).

TRIBUTE TO CIVIL SERVICE.

After the toast of the King had been duly honoured,

Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., proposed the toast of the Hongkong C.S.C.C. and expressed his pleasure at being present and said he was pleased to propose the toast. During more than thirty-eight years residence in the Colony, he had always conceived the greatest admiration for the members of the Civil Service. They had a great record in the Colony of three generations of service and it might be said that during that time they had very consistently maintained the traditions of the British Civil Service, and by their integrity and constant attention to the permanent interests of the Colony had been of the utmost service to all. Their strict impartiality of all races had won the admiration of everyone (applause on the part of the guests).

Sir Henry congratulated the Club on winning the cricket club shields of both divisions in 1925, a fact that had recently been brought to his notice. He confessed that he had never been able to play the game of cricket himself when he was at school at Charterhouse because he had always suffered from short-sightedness. One thing that was wanted in cricket was good sight. The smallest kind of ball he found he could do anything with had been a football. (Laughter.) He once nearly succeeded in getting into the House XI.

Sir Henry said he knew very little about their club but it must be a source of great satisfaction to them to know that they had done so well in the 1925 season. He noticed that in the past season the Club had not lost a single match—(applause)—and he hoped that in future seasons they would do equally as well. He noticed they did play a game he also played—and that was lawn bowls. It was a very excellent game if they did not forget where they "bias" was. He understood they were entering the "B" division of the Bowls league and hoped that the bowls players would give a good account of themselves.

In proposing the toast of the Club, Sir Henry coupled with it the name of His Honour Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, President of the Club.

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

MR. JUSTICE WOOD REPLIES.

Mr. Justice Wood responding, said that this was practically the only occasion in the year in which the Civil Service met together as a whole on a social footing. It was the hope of the Committee that this dinner would have been memorable by the presence of His Excellency the Governor. His Excellency had promised to attend and address the gathering, but unfortunately his doctor had intervened and they could only hope that another opportunity would present itself next year.

In addition to a letter of regret at inability to attend from H.E. the Governor, letters had also been received, said Mr. Wood, regretting non-attendance from H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard (G.O.C. the forces in China), Commodore Stirling, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, and the Hon. Mr. D. W. Trautman.

Mr. Justice Wood said in his mind, he had always found it difficult to dissociate Sir Henry Pollock from the Civil Service. Sir Henry had had far longer service in the Colony than the life of the cricket club. When he (the speaker) first came to the Colony the British Government had just leased the New Territories from China and Sir Henry was a Law Officer of the Crown at that time. When the crisis overtook us last summer, Sir Henry was again one of them.

Continuing, the President said that since the last dinner the Club had lost their late President, Sir Claud Severn, through his retirement last Autumn. Sir Claud was, he thought, always more of a member of the Club than a President. Sir Claud knew them all and he signified his departure by arranging a cricket match in which he captained his side and had enough breath and good humour left to make a speech at the end. (Laughter and applause.)

Another name appeared among the list of officers no longer with the Club—that was the name of their Vice-President, Mr. R. E. O. Bird. Mr. Bird was for over twenty years one of their most successful schoolmasters in the Colony.

The "Stork" was better known to them latterly as the "grand old man of cricket" and was always a tower of strength to their side. The speaker was in touch with Mr. Bird recently and understood that he was at present enjoying himself at Nice.

The Club did not always win the Shield but they very seldom entered the League at the beginning of the season without a good fighting chance of coming through. (Hear, hear.) No Civil Servant who was worth his salt was now found playing for outside teams. (Applause.)

Referring to the tennis league, Mr. Justice Wood said it had been unable to carry out its programme last year. Members were then cooking their own "mutton chops" and that was why they were unable to win the shield last year. (Laughter.) He liked to remember that the Hongkong tennis league which had done so much for sport in the Colony originated in the mind of one of their old members, Mr. A. O. Brawn a member of the club's committee. (Applause.) Mr. Brawn was a member whose mind worked in secret but unlike many other minds its results were worthy of the efforts.

Mr. Wood said he had to confess that lawn bowls was an unexplored country to him. Sir Henry Pollock had the advantage of him there. He realised that the game of lawn bowls was played under ideal conditions and within comparatively easy reach of the "bar." (Laughter.) He had watched the game and was satisfied that for skill and excitement and sociability it was surpassed by no other game. (Applause.) He hoped that the bowls section would do well in the coming season. If their Club were not already known as the H.K.C.S.C.C. it might well be called the H.K.C.S.C.C. But the cricketers came first, which reminded him that if they were not Alexander they would choose to be Diogenes.

IMPROVEMENTS TO CLUB.

Referring to the Club House, the President said that at the last annual general meeting authority was given to the incoming committee to withdraw from the reserve sum a certain sum to carry out improvements in respect of the Club House. The Secretary had informed him that these improvements were now completed to everyone's satisfaction and had been carried out at a cost of \$1,700. It was hoped that with this expenditure, it would be possible to close the year's accounts with the original reserve still intact.

At the present time there were 224 members of the club, including 40 subscribers on their old list. It was calculated, by those who know, that if they "polled" their old constituency they ought to count on having 350 members. He expressed the hope that new members would join the club in large numbers.

With regard to the future, it had not come yet. They were still waiting for the removal of Morrison Hill. (Laughter.) They had suffered potentially and long a close bombardment for several months and now fortunately the range was getting longer and that gave them the hope that at some time they would be faced with an emergency—the emergency being that of building new premises. When they came to meet this emergency he hoped they would find the Club without any exigencies to hamper it, and he also hoped there would be sufficient members so that the Club could be built to accommodate 300.

CAPTAIN'S REMARKS.

Mr. F. J. de Rome, as captain of the Club 1st XI, reviewed the activities of the team during the season just concluded. He was sorry he could not declare a dividend in the shape of good medals for winning the League as they did the previous season. This was the second year in succession, the speaker added, that the 1st XI had not lost a match. (Applause.) They had played nine League matches, won three and drawn six. He thought that if they had had a little more time they would easily have won four out of the six drawn matches.

They had practically the same team, if not identically the same one as they had in the year they won the League. He would remind them that they were practically all old stagers, for, with the exception of a few young players, their ages averaged around forty years, with eyes growing dim. (Laughter.) Until they were knocked out by more promising and better youngsters, however, they were prepared to do their best to put the "Civil Service" on top again next year.

Mr. de Rome expressed his pleasure at the presence of Mr. "Dick" Hancock, "Dick" Hancock, he said had done a great deal, and was still doing a great deal, for cricket in the Colony. He had played cricket regularly for thirty years and still turned out every Saturday for the Club, and was still good enough to captain a Hongkong Interport team. (Applause.) This made him feel at forty that he still had a few years of cricket to play. (Laughter.)

Referring to performances, Mr. de Rome said their great strength last season lay in the bowling. They could generally count, he said, on getting any side out for 150.

THE "STAR."

With regard to batting they were not quite so good, or not quite so consistent. Sayer could always get his thirty or forty—(applause)—and undoubtedly their "star" turn last season was young Fincher. (Applause.) Fincher finished up at the head of the batting averages for the whole of the Colony in the League matches. (Applause.) His average for the year was over 100. (Applause.) Fincher often saved his side from a very good licking. The speaker added that he would be very much disappointed if Fincher was not given an extended trial for the Interport which would take place in November next.

As regards the fielding of the team, it was neither good nor rotten.

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THE 2ND XI.

Mr. H. Edmonds (captain of the "A" team) said that although the "A" team had a rather unsuccessful season as regarded the League (drawn two, lost five), there had been much keenness shown among the members of the team. There was only one match in which they were a man short and that was an occasion on which they had to give a man to the 1st XI. The "A" team started the season well, but they had a shortage of bowlers. One or two players showed promise in this respect, but fell off. Concluding, the speaker appealed to members of the "A" team to set aside one evening per week for net practice. Instead of going down in two and three for this purpose. It would be much better, he said, if the whole team got together at the nets one evening each week. He could claim one record for this season on behalf of the "A" team, and that was that he had only won the toss on two occasions. This might have had something to do for the way in which they finished up in the League (next to bottom).

ON CHOOSING AN XI.

The toast of "The Visitors" was entrusted to Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, who proposed it in an witty and clever speech.

After expressing great disappointment and regret that H.E. the Governor had found it impossible to be present, and welcoming Captain Steele (A.D.C. to His Excellency) Mr. Nihill said "The Visitors" could be divided into two categories, official and unofficial. He found that with the inclusion of Mr. Hancock they could make a cricket eleven out of the guests, an eleven which would be a very formidable combination. (Laughter.) He proposed to consider their possibilities as a cricket combination, and his first duty was to select a captain, a very difficult task on paper. He thought he would select the Vice-Chancellor for that position. They all knew that he played cricket. He had played in at least one match since he came to the Colony, and he (the speaker) had seen the Vice-Chancellor on that occasion make a wonderful catch that would live in memory. (Laughter.)

ORDER OF PLAY.

The first pair to go in, he thought, would be the Chief Justice and the Colonial Secretary. One could picture the Chief Justice at the wicket. With cool deliberation he would judge every individual ball upon its merits—(applause and laughter)—and he could certainly be relied upon to punish the bad ones severely. (Laughter.) At the other end they had the Colonial Secretary and he felt that he would enjoy immense hitting out in every direction. (Laughter.) For the next pair he would put in Sir Shouson Chow and Sir Henry Pollock, a veteran pair, who knew each other's play, would be bound to command respect, and would prove popular alike with players and spectators. So much for the batting. What about the bowling? He would put on as first bowler the Attorney-General. They knew he could bowl indoors, and with his amazing gifts he was sure he would do equally well outside. In any case his very presence would prove a stimulus to the other members of the team. At the other end, he proposed to try the Director of Public Works. He supposed he must not say that he would be responsible for a collapse. (Laughter.) He was sure that his deliveries would be slow, but they would certainly be very good ones, and they would have the additional advantage, that, whatever they were like they would be met by grumbling by the other side. (Laughter.) He did not feel capable of placing the field, continued Mr. Nihill, but there was one position, that of wicket keeper which could be filled by the Colonial Treasurer, because very few extras would get by him—(laughter)—and no one would be more proficient in catching people out. (Laughter.) In formally submitting the toast he coupled with it the name of Mr. Hornell.

VICE-CHANCELLOR REPLIES.

The Vice-Chancellor replied in a speech which was much enjoyed. He said he thought cricket was a game which brought the best out of everyone. There was something in cricket which brought out the British character. Cricket was not a game in which it was mere matter of individuals, but was game in which it was a matter of collective loyalty. When one went out and failed to make runs it did not mean that your side was beaten. In cricket it was also apparent, even to the spectator, that a spirit of camaraderie existed which set aside all racial distinctions. (Applause.)

TWO KNOCKS.

The Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, also replying for the visitors, said Chinese were told from their youth to keep silent. He knew nothing about cricket. He did remember his son writing him from

Harrow on one occasion and telling him that he ought to go in for cricket as it was a great game. Continuing, Sir Shouson Chow said he had done a little shooting, and had also played tennis and football, but he was such a big man that they usually made him part of the football. (Laughter.) The best sport he liked was boxing.

"To-night," concluded the speaker, "if any of you would like to challenge me I will accept the challenge. I know what the result would be. There would be two knocks—one against me and one against the floor." (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. "Dick" Hancock in the course of a short speech suggested that time was far too short in the winter afternoons to have a tea-interval. It was very hospitable, but he thought players generally in the Colony would much rather spend that twenty minutes on the cricket field. Mr. Hancock indulged in interesting reminiscences of cricket in the Colony since his first match here in 1895.

THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. P. T. LAMBLE submitted the toast of "The President of the H.K.C.S.C.C." expressing the pleasure the members felt at Mr. Wood consenting to become their President. He hoped that the usual lengthy tenure of office as President of the Club would not be lessened in Mr. Wood's case and that he would hold the position as long as his predecessors had. Mr. Wood joined the Club in 1908 and was made a Vice-President in 1915. He had always taken the keenest interest in the Club and also took an active part in the sports, especially tennis, at which he was no tyro.

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

Mr. Wood briefly, but suitably replied, and said he would do his best to serve them in any useful way he could as President.

The proceedings concluded with the National Anthem.

ENTERTAINMENT.

An enjoyable musical programme was given during the evening, contributions being made to it by Mr. Longyear (at the piano), Mr. Hannibal (songs and stories), Mr. Rackham, Mr. Hollicks and Mr. Clatworthy (songs).

The Dinner Committee were Mr. P. T. Lamble (Chairman), Mr. H. Rose, Mr. J. P. Gregory, Mr. J. Deakin, Mr. B. E. Maughan (Hon. Treasurer), and Mr. R. S. Vergette (Hon. Secretary).

CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB.

ANNUAL DINNER CLOSES CRICKET SEASON.

Owing to the unfavourable weather, the cricket match between the Craigen-gower Cricket Club and the "Rest" was cancelled on Saturday, but the annual dinner was held at the Club House in the evening.

Following an excellent repast, the loyal toast was proposed by Mr. B. W. Bradbury, the President of the Club.

MORE ENTERTAINMENT.

Mr. D. Fritz, the Cricket Captain, in proposing the toast of the Craigen-gower Cricket Club, said that the Club had not done so badly during the season, since they had defeated such teams as the Kowloon Cricket Club and the University. He appealed for more enthusiasm and co-operation, and thanked the players for their assistance during the past season.

PRESIDENT'S SATISFACTION.

Mr. B. W. BRADBURY expressed himself as particularly pleased to note the keen enthusiasm which characterised the cricketers, and looked forward to the day when Craigen-gower would be the premier club in the Colony. He referred to the able captainship of Mr. Fritz and in regard to Mr. W. Kent who had assisted as cricket umpire, and is shortly going home on leave he expressed the best thanks and good wishes of the Club.

CUP FOR BILLIARDS.

Mr. Kent expressed thanks and said that he was pleased to see that the encouragement he had given to bowls, had resulted in the flag being hung up in the Club. He offered a cup for competitions in billiards.

The work of the honorary secretary, Mr. R. Bass, was also eulogised. In an entertainment which followed, Messrs. A. Nicholl, D. Fritz, J. C. Fletcher and others took part.

THE MENU.

The menu was as under:—
A wet wicket
Caught in a gully
Chop stroke with a bad end
Leather hunting
A wobbly tail-end
Don't have a pair
Stumped!

TROUBLE AT CANTON
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The recent expulsion of three students by the Canton-Christian College for conduct detrimental to the interest of the student body—a step taken at the request of the student body itself—appears to have played into the hands of the Kuomintang.

The three students who have been expelled are alleged to be paid agents of Bolsheviks, and ring leaders of the agitators who assisted the workers of the College several weeks ago to make the many demands, with which the College tactfully complied sufficiently to avert a strike. Unable to cause an issue between the Kuomintang and the College, these agents early in April interrupted a meeting of the Canton Students' Union. The student body resented it and requested the College authorities to expel the offenders.

That having been done the expelled students sought the aid of the labour union within the College and the other day this union circularized Canton that the Canton Christian College was ousting Kuomintangites from its student body. The student body, however, issued a statement supporting the Kuomintang policy but denouncing the conduct of the expelled students as misrepresenting Kuomintang desires and interests.

The Kuomintang have now deemed it wise to stand by the expelled students and has ordered the College to re-admit them. In the meantime, the workers siding with the expelled students have threatened to go on strike and call out their comrades to blockade the College, as they are doing with the Canton Hospital, the compound of which is still being cut off by strike pickets. The students who refuse to fall in with the extreme views of the Kuomintang, have declared their loyalty to the College, and pledged themselves to side with the elements defending law and order.

ANOTHER HOSPITAL THREAT-
ENED IN CANTON.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Following the Canton Hospital and the Stout Hospital at Wuchow, two well-known foreign managed missionary institutions in South China, which have had to be closed owing to labour tyranny, the Hackett Medical College for Women in Canton, with its affiliated hospitals and nurse training schools, may have to take similar action. The Kuomintang agitators have been actively working among the employees of the College and also succeeded in enlisting the support of certain students for such service as led to the closing of the other hospitals.

Another educational institution under foreign management in Canton which is facing trouble is the Holy Trinity College of the China Inland Mission. The student body is now on strike, alleging that a lady member of the European staff has insulted one of the students. The real reason, of course, has been that the Kuomintang has decided to take under its control all educational institutions in Canton.

So far only the Kung Yee Medical College and Hospital have been taken over and made a branch of the Kwangtung University, which has been regarded as "a hot bed of Bolshevism and a school for the training of Bolshevik propagandists."

DOG REGULATIONS.

ANOTHER OFFICIAL
NOTIFICATION.

It is notified in the *Government Gazette* that the regulation dealing with "stray dogs at night" which was made by the Governor in Council, on June 18th, 1925, is to be suspended from to-day (the 12th inst.) until further notice.

This regulation gave power to police officers to destroy dogs found at liberty between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The above regulation has now been replaced by another which requires that all dogs be either placed on a lead or muzzled as from to-day, failing which they are liable to be shot. It is now notified that this regulation shall apply only to the Island of Hongkong, Kowloon and New Kowloon.

ANOTHER DOG BITE.

A messenger coolie of No. 62, Pottinger Street, was bitten by a black and white dog while walking along Broadway Road on Friday night. The coolie went straight to hospital, but could not state to whom the dog belonged.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

HONGKONG LEGISLATION OUT
OF DATE.THE VALUE OF PUBLIC
EXAMINATIONS.

Sir Henry Gollan, the Chief Justice, sat in Bankruptcy Jurisdiction on Saturday.

THE WING HING BANK.

In the case of the Wing Hing Bank, and Li Wing Kwong and Li Shun Fan, partners thereof, Messrs. D. McCallum, J. T. Prior, and G. T. Bennett appeared for respective creditors.

The Official Receiver (Mr. E. L. Agassiz) said that a misunderstanding had arisen regarding the appointment of a trustee. At a creditors' meeting it had been unanimously agreed to appoint Mr. Chau Ng Tin, the comprador of the P. & O. Bank as trustee. Mr. Chau himself was not present at the meeting, but it was understood that he was willing to act as trustee. He later called on him (the Official Receiver) and stated that he was not prepared to accept the position of trustee, as he was a very busy man, and would not have the time to devote to it. Owing to this, according to the local Ordinance, an order for adjudication could not be granted until a trustee was appointed. Neither was it possible under the Ordinance to appoint a trustee after the debtor had been adjudged bankrupt.

His Lordship: We are hopelessly out of date in our legislation.

The Official Receiver: I realize that more and more as I go on. Almost every day I come across instances of it.

His Lordship asked how the local Ordinance had been framed.

The Official Receiver replied that it was based on the original Bankruptcy Act at Home, but apparently about three-quarters of it had been left out.

His Lordship: I have had many years' experience of drafting and found it very advisable not to leave out a single word. The English law was the result of experience extending over many years, and previous falsities have been remedied. The existing Act is as near perfect as it can possibly be.

The Official Receiver asked for an adjournment so that another trustee could be appointed before adjudication was made.

An adjournment was granted.

PRACTICE WHICH MUST STOP.

In the case of Pang Chik, trading as Luen On Company, the Official Receiver applied for an order for adjudication.

Mr. D. McCallum represented debtor, and Mr. O'Donoghue was for one of the petitioning creditors.

Mr. O'Donoghue submitted that a public examination of debtor should have preceded the Official Receiver's application for adjudication. The creditors had no opportunity of cross-examining the debtor, as he was not present at the creditors' meeting. The creditors were anxious for information, and particularly so as to why debtor stated that he traded under the name of the Luen On Company, whereas some time previously he had described himself as the managing partner. The creditors were therefore desirous of information with regard to the partnership.

The Official Receiver said that it was almost impossible to examine a bankrupt on matters which might be to his detriment without first having handled the administration of the estate. In such a case he considered that adjudication should precede the public examination.

Mr. O'Donoghue asked for an assurance that the public examination would be held.

His Lordship remarked that in England the public examination always preceded adjudication.

The Official Receiver: The practice in Hongkong has been extraordinarily loose with regard to public examinations; in fact, in many cases they have not been held at all.

His Lordship: That, of course, must stop. Public examination is one of the most important things in bankruptcy.

The Official Receiver said that a public examination would certainly be held in connection with that particular case.

An order for adjudication was then granted.

THE TWO EXTREMES.

In the case of Kong Siu Yuen, described as proprietor of the Universal Electric Company, Mr. Nash, applying for a receiving order, said that his client's assets amounted to \$15,000 and his liabilities were \$19,000. He submitted that there were substantial assets.

The Official Receiver objected to the granting of an order, and said there were no substantial assets for distribution. He did not think that debtor would be able to collect many of his book debts. There was an item of \$7,000, owed by a Chinese restaurant, which was certainly a bad debt. The restaurant was in considerable difficulty and had applied to the Government for a trade loan. He had ascertained that the Government would not grant a loan. The manager of the restaurant had called upon him, and stated that if he could secure a trade loan, he would pay his debt to Kong Siu Yuen.

Another debt of \$1,000 was owed by a person in Canton, and it was very unlikely that it would ever be paid.

Still another irretrievable debt of \$650 was owed by a man in a village in Hoi-how. He had started a cinematograph in the village, but it had closed down over a year ago.

Mr. Nash thought that the Official Receiver had taken a very pessimistic view of the matter. The restaurant would be certain to pay the debt. His client had also stock-in-trade valued at \$2,500.

His Lordship: I am sorry for your client, because he has failed through genuine misfortune. But I am afraid that if the Official Receiver is too pessimistic, you are too optimistic. The order was refused.

ADJOURNED.

In the case of Hing Loong Shing Kee, Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, appearing for a petitioning creditor, asked for an adjournment. The Official Receiver offered no objection, and an adjournment was granted.

A TEA HOUSE.

Mr. J. T. Prior, on behalf of a petitioning creditor, asked for a receiving order in the case of the Tai Yat Lau Tea House.

Ho Yam, the petitioning creditor, manager of the Tung-Tai Firm, of No. 4 Lower Lascar Row, said that the managing partner of the debtor firm absconded about January 28th. The debtor firm's assets were \$6,000 and its liabilities, \$17,000.

A receiving order was granted.

CREDITORS ABSENT.

The Official Receiver made an application for adjudication in the case of Lee Chak Man. He said that creditors' meetings had been called on two occasions, but not a single creditor attended.

The order was granted, the Official Receiver to act as trustee.

Mr. J. T. Prior represented debtor.

OBJECTION WITHDRAWN.

In the case of the Wing Shing Shun Firm, the Official Receiver applied for permission to complete a contract of sale. He stated that a receiving order had been previously granted, and he was ordered to carry out a certain sale. At the last Court, Mr. E. S. C. Brooks opposed the sale, because his client, a partner in the firm had no knowledge of the affair. He now understood that there was no objection to the carrying out of the contract.

Permission to complete the contract was granted.

AN IRREGULAR PROCEDURE.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks applied for a receiving order in the case of the Yau Hing Cheong Kee Firm. He said that the assets consisted of two houses worth \$30,000, and \$2,500 in book debts. There was only one partner of the firm in Hongkong. There was another who lived in America, and it was very unlikely that he would ever return. He was only a sleeping partner.

His Lordship: I am bound by the Statute.

The Official Receiver said that he had no evidence that debtor's assets were substantial. He would also want to have it shown that they were the debtor's assets and not the firm's.

His Lordship said that no proper petition had been presented in respect of the firm.

The Official Receiver said that the houses which debtor had bought in 1919 for \$16,000. Property had risen in price since then, but not to the extent claimed. Debtor was also paying 20 per cent. on mortgage.

Mr. Brooks: But there might be more assets.

His Lordship: If there are, he should have disclosed them at first. I must dismiss the petition.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION.

The second meeting of the new Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held on Friday, 6th instant, the Rev. J. Horace Johnston presiding. All the members, with the exception of two, were present.

Correspondence was first dealt with after which the Secretary stated on the subject of connecting Mongkoktsui Police Station with the public telephone, that he had been advised that it was hoped to have this done but as it involved expenditure, the matter had been recommended to the Colonial Treasury.

PRIVATE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION.

Mr. Wylie who has represented the Kowloon Residents' Association on the Education Board, was present by special request, in order that he might report to the Committee before leaving for Home. His report was private and confidential because the meetings of the Board have latterly been held *in camera*. The Committee, while fully appreciating the advantages gained by holding the meetings in private was nevertheless of opinion that the general interests of the Community in Kowloon as well as elsewhere would be better served by giving publicity to the discussions and it was resolved to ask the Government to consider the advisability of permitting the meetings of the Board of Education to be held in public as before.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS.

The Children's Playground Sub-Committee reported that they had elected to apply to the Government for the plot of railway ground next to Holt's Wharf as the extension of the playground in Chatham Road, and requested that a further set of swings, see-saws, etc., should be erected there. It was explained that the piles of railway material at present on the ground would be fenced off.

A schedule of suggested rules and regulations for the Children's Playground, received from the Captain Superintendent of Police, was referred to the Sub-Committee.

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the fact that the plot of waste ground adjoining the Diocesan Girls' School, which had been formerly used by the Chinese as a common recreation ground, was shortly to be enclosed and appropriated to the use of the girls of the School. As it was felt that those who had been accustomed to using the ground would feel the loss of it, the same Sub-Committee was asked to try to find some other place for them to take their sport, a bit of vacant land near Homuntin being suggested.

STRAIGHTENING NATHAN ROAD.

Acknowledgment of the Associations' letter regarding the straightening of Nathan Road at the Po Hing Theatre had been received, and it was gratifying to note that the question was being reconsidered and the work apparently progressing.

KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

A letter of complaint respecting the Kowloon Hospital was read and the Secretary instructed to communicate with the Principal Civil Medical Officer on the subject.

THE STAR FERRY WHARF.

The Sub-Committee to which the proposed alterations of the Star Ferry Wharf had been referred for consideration and report, brought forward a sketch in which were embodied a number of further improvements which they wished to recommend. It was agreed to approve the Company's scheme in its main outlines but to suggest that it be modified to include the further improvements recommended by the Sub-Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, it was found impossible to complete the business on the Agenda, and it was decided to call an Extraordinary Committee Meeting next week to deal with the matters left over, which include a letter from the Preserved Ginger Manufacturers Association complaining of the effect on their trade of the water restrictions in Kowloon, and the Question of the Bus Services in Kowloon, which was referred to at the previous meeting together with correspondence on the subject.

The Committee again wish to state their willingness to receive communications from residents expressing their views on all questions affecting the welfare of the community. Such communications may be addressed to any officer of the Association, or to P.O. Box No. 346.

TELL-TALE PARCEL.

ALLEGED THEFT AT MESSRS.
POWELL'S.

A Chinese employed with Messrs. William Powell, Ltd., was charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy on Saturday, with the theft of six pairs of ladies' silk stockings, valued at \$8.50 a pair.

Mr. W. A. Eustace, the Managing Director, stated in evidence that owing to previous losses from the department, Mrs. Stainfield, the assistant, had suspected the defendant. One of his duties was to take away shoes every evening to the shoemaker for alterations or repairs. On Thursday evening, the unusual shape of the parcel which he was taking away attracted Mrs. Stainfield's attention. The parcel was opened and two boxes containing silk stockings were found. When a check was made, it was discovered that 18 pairs of silk stockings were missing.

Mr. J. A. Leask, who had only been just instructed to defend, arrived after Mr. Eustace had concluded his evidence. Mr. Leask applied for a remand, which was granted until Tuesday, bail being fixed at \$100.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **FOURTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS** will be held at the Office of the Company, Royal Building, Lee House Street, Hongkong, on **SATURDAY, 24th APRIL, 1926, at 11 a.m.**

The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from 16th APRIL, 1926, to 24th APRIL, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
S. J. JORDAIN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 12th April, 1926. [3427]

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NOTICE

THE YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE SHEK 'O DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD. will be held in the Office of Messrs. PALMER & TURNER, on **TUESDAY, 27th APRIL, 1926, at 5.15 p.m.**, to adopt the Accounts for the Year ending the 31st December, 1925, and to elect Officers, etc.

By Order,
P. M. HODGINS,
Secretary.
12th April, 1926. [3425]

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DRAFT PROGRAMMES AND ENTRY FORMS for the **SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING** to be held on **SATURDAY, 17th MAY, 1926** (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club, and CLAREMONT BAY STABLES. ENTRIES will close at 12 o'clock Noon on **SATURDAY, 17th APRIL, 1926.** [3424]

BASEBALL.

A MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE HONGKONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION and others interested, will be held in the Office of the Association, Commercial Street, on **WEDNESDAY, 14th APRIL, at 5.15 p.m.**, to elect Officers and discuss arrangements for the forthcoming season. [3426]

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During my former terms of office (I was elected on three consecutive occasions) I was fortunate in securing the passage of several measures which since have been of great benefit to the community. I refer to the introduction of Motor Transportation for the removal of refuse and the greater use of the Water Carriage System.

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I have been and will always be ready to receive and to act upon any and every reasonable suggestion in connection with matters of health and sanitation in the Colony.

In conclusion I again thank all those of the general public who were good enough to return me to the Sanitary Board on previous occasions, and I trust that at the forthcoming election, I shall still retain their confidence.

Yours faithfully,
[3418] **F. M. GRACA OZORIO.**

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

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THE FORTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on **THURSDAY, 23rd APRIL, 1926, at Noon**, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1925.

The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from 8th to 22nd APRIL, 1926, both days inclusive.

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 - 5.—168/169, Praya East on Marine Lot No. 198.
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 - 8.—7, Robinson Road on Portion of Section A of Inland Lot No. 591.
 - 9.—44, Bonham Road on Portion of Section A of Inland Lot No. 591.
 - 10.—46 Bonham Road on Portion of Section A of Inland Lot No. 591.
 - 11.—4, Peak Road on Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 648.
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(d) Stephen's Building situate on Portion of Marine Lot No. 381.
(e) 9, Shelly Street on Section E of Inland Lot No. 118.

(f) 9, Mountain View, The Peak, on Section E of Rural Building Lot No. 9.
(g) 255 and 257, Shanghai Street, Yau-mai, on Portion of the Remaining Portion of Section B of Kowloon Island Lot No. 59.

(h) 132, 134 and 136, Reclamation Street, Yau-mai, on Portion of the Remaining Portion of Section "B" of Marine Lot No. 29.

(i) 439, 441 and 443, Shanghai Street, Yau-mai, on Kowloon Island Lot No. 1518.

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(k) 31 to 45 (Odd Numbers), Mosque Street, 1, 2 and 3, Kai Un Lane, and Nos. 4 and 45, Mosque Junction, on Inland Lot No. 343.

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BIRTHS.

FENSHAM.—At Shanghai, on April 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. J. FENSHAM, a son, **LOVELL.**—At Nanking, on April 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. LOVELL, a daughter.

DEATHS.

MORGAN.—At Mukden, on April 1st, **JOHN HENRY**, youngest son of the late **JOSEPH MORGAN** and of Mrs. MORGAN, 617, Dixwell Road, Shanghai, aged 46.
ROGERS.—At Shanghai, on April 4th, **JOYCE ROGERS**, born December 11th, 1925, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. ROGERS.

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THE POLITICAL STAGE AT PEKING.

On reading the latest telegrams from Peking it is impossible to resist an impulse to smile, though the *opera bouffe* which has been staged there is tragic and amazing rather than amusing. It is difficult to understand the position without further information than the telegraphic dispatches yet afford. Up to a few days ago the position was that the Kuominchun ("People's Army") were letting "it be known that they would 'fight to the last man and the last dollar' to retain control of Peking."

General LU CHUNG LIN, the commander of the troops in the Capital, was giving the public assurances recently that there were fully a hundred thousand troops stationed at strategic points around Peking, "so that there was no cause for anxiety about the safety of the Metropolis." At the end of last month the General convened a meeting of Press representatives to explain to them why the Kuominchun forces had retired from the Lanchow, Tangchow and Paoing front. He told them that it was "not because of any defeat or inability to maintain the war on these three fronts,"

though the "exact reason" is left unexplained in the reports. General LU gave them to understand, however, that the Kuominchun were inflexibly determined to resist any pressure by the opposing forces on their positions around the Capital, cost what it might.

All this is now revealed as "pure bluff." They have "agreed with their adversaries quickly." We suggested a few days ago that this would not be an improbable outcome of the crisis. The only inference to be drawn from the messages we have is that the Kuominchun deems discretion to be the better part of valour and yields to *force majeure*. The Chief Executive (TUNG CHI JUI) is believed to be a refugee in the French Legation; his predecessor (President TAO KUN), who has been a prisoner in Peking since the last "coup d'etat" some twelve months ago, has been set free. Marshal WU PEI FU, who was proclaimed an outlaw by the Government a few months ago, has been addressed by the Cabinet within the past month as "a Pillar of the State," and now he is "invited" by his military enemies to "come to Peking to restore the political situation." TUNG CHI JUI is now proclaimed by his military supporters, as having done "all kinds of mischief detrimental to the people of the country" since he assumed office as Chief Executive. Even their own Commander-in-Chief, Marshal FENG YU HSIANG, appears to no longer enjoy the confidence of the Kuominchun for their "coup d'etat" is ascribed to growing discontent with the "Christian General."

Among the obscurities of the situation is a singular absence of reference in the telegraphic dispatches to the name of Marshal CHANG TAO LIN. Yet it was his troops that were creating alarm in Peking last week by their advance towards the Capital, and by the preliminary bombing raids they were making. Moreover, there is no reference in the cables to the influence exerted on the situation by the influential men who have been striving for weeks past to arrange an armistice. Besides General WANG SHUN TSIANG, who has played the most prominent role in this connection, and the Premier, CHIA TUNG YAO, who a fortnight ago was urging the formulation of "more substantial terms," we have seen Dr. W. W. YEH, CHAO ERH SHUN, SUN PAO CHU, HSUNG HSI LING (all of them ex-Premiers) and many other prominent politicians mentioned as participating in the Peace Conference. We cannot doubt that they have exercised a great influence on the situation. While their immediate object has been to avert bloodshed and devastation they have been working also for the stabilisation of the peace. According to reports in the Peking papers concerning these Peace Conferences, "the fundamental solution of the general political situation" must be sought in convening a truly representative People's Convention which shall settle "all outstanding disputes once and for all." This idea has been before the nation now for several years, and we can only "wait and see" whether under the new régime anything more will be done to give practical effect to it than has been done by its predecessors in power and authority. For the present, public opinion on the latest change at Peking probably finds its best expression in the old French proverb which in its English translation runs: "The more they change, the more it is the same thing."

The next Criminal Sessions are to be opened on Monday, April 19th.

The Government Gazette contains the names of persons on the Dental Register. In all, there are thirty-one.

Two Cotton Mill employees at Shanghai, numbering about five hundred, who went on strike on March 19th, resumed work unconditionally on April 4th.

The Danish aviators are stated to be making for Canton as the intermediary place of call between Hanoi and Shanghai. According to their present plans they are not calling at Hongkong. In that case they will be the first of the round-the-world aviators who will have omitted to call here.

There were 60 samples taken under the Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance during the quarter ended March 31st. Of these 40 were of fresh milk. All were found genuine.

The passengers of the *President Cleghad* which left Hongkong on Saturday included Mrs. F. M. D. Courtney, the Rev. Father Robert, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Loureiro.

The police raided No. 20, Peel Street, and the Sanitary Coolies' Club at West Point on Friday, when paraphernalia alleged to be connected with Triad Societies was discovered.

The hon. treasurer of the Kowloon Golf Club is Mr. W. Alltree, the Dairy Farm Company, and the hon. secretary, Mr. J. O. McLaggan, Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.

A Chinese woman living at No. 20, Burd Street (Central District) attempted to commit suicide on Friday by taking a quantity of lysol. She was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Mr. Mak Kam Chan, a student residing at Elliot Hall at the University, reported to the Police on Friday that a portable typewriter and twenty gramophone records were stolen from his room on Thursday.

Whilst lying asleep in his quarters at the Netherlands Harbour Works, North Point, on Friday, a Chinese assistant foreman was struck with a brick on the head. He was badly injured and was taken to hospital.

Inspector C. F. Aris, of the Water Police Station, was slightly injured on Friday evening, when on leaving the Police Station, in his car, an Austin 7, it struck an embankment and turned partly over. The car was slightly damaged.

Two mails from Home arrived during the week-end. The *s.s. Hakosai Maru* brought letters which had come from London via Siberia, and the *s.s. Talambe* brought letters and papers from Home via Nagapattam (dated London, March 11th).

On Easter Sunday flowers were sent from some Church to the Netherlands and Ho Miu Ling Hospitals. Other flowers were sent on Monday from St. John's Cathedral and Union Church. The thanks of the Hospitals are presented to the unknown donors as well as to the two Churches named.

It is notified in the *Government Gazette* that it is the intention of H.E. the Governor, at the expiration of six months, to make orders for the removal of all graves in certain portions of Kai Lung Wan East Cemetery and Mount Caroline Cemetery. Such orders will be made for the purpose of the execution of a public work, namely the proper laying out of such area for the purpose of burial therein of Chinese dead.

APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments made by H.E. the Governor are notified in the *Government Gazette*:

Provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, the Honourable Mr. A. O. Lang to be an unofficial member of the Executive Council during the absence from the Colony of the Honourable Mr. P. H. Holyoak, with effect from 7th April, 1926.

Under section 2 of the German Missions Trustees Ordinance, 1923, the Rev. H. B. Wells to be one of the German Missions Trustees, owing to the absence from the Colony of the Rev. T. W. Pearce, O.B.E., LL.D.

Under the provisions of the Hongkong Volunteer Regulations, 1920:—Captain C. E. Swinton, M.C., 1st Battalion, The East Surrey Regiment, to be Adjutant, with effect from 7th April, 1926, and until further notice.

SATURDAY'S DELUGE.

The heavy rains during Friday night and Saturday caused the cancellation of all sports fixtures on Saturday.

Between 2 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. yesterday 5.53 inches of rain fell.

In many parts of the Colony roads were partially under water owing to drains becoming choked and gutters proving inadequate to carry off the water coming down the hillsides. Huge pools collected in the public thoroughfares and in Queen's Road and Pedder Street corner it was particularly bad in consequence of the pipe laying in progress there.

The total rainfall since January 1st is 10.20 inches, against an average of 7.55 inches.

KUOMINCHUN CAPITULATE AT PEKING.

WU PEI FU INVITED TO "RESTORE THE POLITICAL SITUATION."

TUAN CHI JUI A FUGITIVE OR A PRISONER: EX-PRESIDENT TSAO KUN LIBERATED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, April 10th.

The Kuominchun leaders have requested Marshal Wu Pei Fu to come to Peking and restore the political situation.

Tsao Kun, the ex-President of the Republic, has been liberated.

Early this morning, Cabinet Officials called on the Senior Minister and stated that General Lu Chung Lin (commanding the Peking garrison) had placed himself under the command of Marshal Wu Pei Fu. They added that General Chang Chih Chiang, the nominal head of the Kuominchun, had agreed to this action which originated in the growing discontent with Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang.

A Diplomatic representative of the Kuominchun later informed the Senior Minister that Tuan Chi Jui (Chief Executive) had resigned; that General Lu Chung Lin was holding himself responsible for the peace and order of the Capital; that Marshal Wu Pei Fu had been invited to come to Peking and that ex-President Tsao Kun had been completely freed.

LATER.

The Kuominchun coup d'etat was carried out with the greatest secrecy. The gates were closed last night and telephones cut off for several hours.

Tuan Chi Jui's headquarters were surrounded but otherwise there was no sign that important events were happening.

It transpires that Tuan Chi Jui entered the French Legation prior to the coup.

TUAN DENOUNCED BY KUOMINCHUN.

A Kuominchun proclamation has been posted saying that Tuan Chi Jui, since he assumed office, has done all kinds of mischief detrimental to the people and the country, his worst offences being the signing of the Gold Franc Agreement, without the approval of the people, and the recent massacre of students which aroused the hate and indignation of the people. "We are obliged," the Proclamation says, "to take drastic measures against him and his Anfu supporters."

Tuan Chi Jui's bodyguard adopted the Kuominchun uniform and removed to another part of the city as a new mixed brigade.

IS TUAN A PRISONER OR A REFUGEE?

SHANGHAI, April 11th.

Owing to the strict censorship and the confusion in Peking some doubt exists as to the whereabouts of Tuan Chi Jui.

A Peking message received, *via* Tientsin, states that he has been placed under restraint, while an earlier message direct from Peking states that he entered the French Legation prior to the coup.

CABLES

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH AIR TRAGEDY.

FIVE R.A.F. MEN BURNED TO DEATH IN COLLISION.

LONDON, April 10th.

Henlow Aerodrome (Bedfordshire) was this morning the scene of the worst Air Force disaster since the War, when a giant Vickers-Vimy machine, piloted by Flying Officer Charles Victor Lacey, who returned from leave to-day, carrying three mechanics engaged in parachute practice, was landing and at the same time an Avro machine, piloted by Flying Officer William Scott, took off.

The machines collided at an altitude of a few hundred feet, and both plunged to the ground where they took fire, flames shooting 200 feet into the air.

The five occupants died in this terrible blaze.

The Fire Brigade had the flames under control in thirty minutes, but only twisted metal remained, the bodies being unrecognisable.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

FRENCH DEBTS.

GOVERNMENT DONATIONS TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

PARIS, April 11th.

The Presidents of the Chamber and the Senate have donated 10,000 francs each for amortization. The Government has decided that Ministers will each give 5,000 francs, and Under-Secretaries of State 1,000 francs.

FIGHTING NEAR DAMASCUS.

IMPORTANT DRUSES LEADERS SUBMIT TO FRENCH.

DAMASCUS, April 11th.

Two important Druses leaders have submitted.

Bedouins attacked the Druses in order to take lands occupied by the latter. Thirty of the Druses were killed.

REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT AT SALONIKA.

OFFICERS LEAD UNSUCCESSFUL MUTINY.

ATHENS, April 9th.

It is officially announced that Majors Bakirdji, Karakoula and Zelas led a mutiny among a small number of troops and occupied Karabournu, in the Gulf of Salonika. Karabournu was surrounded and the fleet ordered to Salonika. Subsequently it was announced that the mutineers had surrendered.

MALCONTENTS SURRENDER.

LATER.

The telegraph wires were set buzzing by military and naval orders, and the whole country was in receipt of the news of the outbreak by midnight. Troops from Athens were immediately entrained for Salonika and other garrisons were instructed to be prepared. The fleet sailed at five in the morning with orders to shell the insurgents, if necessary. All the malcontents had surrendered by 11.45 in the morning, and the ringleaders despatched to Athens for Court Martial.

A communiqué says the insurgents do not exceed 400. The officers are reported to have declared that the movement was not aimed at the Government but at the hands of the army at Salonika.

PREVIOUS INDICATIONS.

LONDON, April 9th.

The Greek censorship has prevented an accurate appraisal of the situation, which, however, is reflected in the latest mails, anticipating excitement on the occasion of the Presidential election, alleging that Gen. Plastiras, who was the leader of the revolution of 1922 and who last year was expelled from the country, has clandestinely re-crossed the frontier and crediting him with engineering a seditious movement for the end of March.

It was announced on April 7th, that the Government had offered a reward of half a million drachmas for the arrest of Plastiras but apparently the latter has lived up to his reputation of elusiveness.

POLAR FLIGHT.

CAPT. AMUNDSEN'S PLANS FOR EXPEDITION.

ROME, April 10th.

Capt. Amundsen's airship, *Norge*, a semi-rigid Italian dirigible, which will be used in the Amundsen and Ellsworth North Polar expedition, left for Pulham at nine this morning en route to Oslo.

OSLO, April 10th.

The King received Capt. Amundsen and Ellsworth who are shortly leaving on a steamer for Spitzbergen to get ready for the arrival of the airship *Norge*, which is not likely to start for the Pole before the end of May.

The American Legation afterwards gave a luncheon to Ellsworth and Amundsen, to whom the American Minister presented the American flag from President Coolidge, which he hoped would eventually be placed at the Pole together with the flags presented by the Kings of Norway and Italy. The Minister also conveyed President Coolidge's best wishes for the success of the flight.

FRANCO-MOROCCAN WAR.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS TO BE OPENED IMMEDIATELY.

LONDON, April 9th.

Following Abd-el-Krim's sending an emissary to the French authorities in Morocco, negotiations are opening immediately at Ujda, Morocco, between representatives of the recalcitrant Riff tribes and the Franco-Spanish authorities. The French delegation has been appointed.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

PRINCIPAL SPANISH DELEGATE IN PARIS.

PARIS, April 11th.

Le Matin announces that Signor Lopez Olivan, the principal Spanish delegate to the future conference at Oudjda, has arrived in Paris, and will meet M. Painleve and the French delegates in order to lay down the conditions under which an armistice could be granted to the Riffians.

It is likely that the delegates will leave for Oudjda on April 12th.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DROP IN FRANC.

SOCIALIST PROGRAMME AND CAPITAL LEVY COMING!

PARIS, April 10th.

M. Durand, Minister of Agriculture, has been appointed Minister of Interior in succession to M. Malvy. The franc dropped three points coincident with M. Malvy's resignation.

Apparently his departure is interpreted in financial circles as paving the way for Herriot's return to power which will mean a Cartellist ministry with a Socialist financial programme including a capital levy.

The prospect is hardly reassuring for the money market. M. Durand is a Radical, like Malvy.

ANGLO-FRENCH DEBTS.

PARIS, April 9th.

Following a Cabinet meeting, M. Raoul Peret stated that he would not go to London before the end of next week. It is believed he is awaiting certain information from Washington with regard to the negotiations at present proceeding with the United States' Treasury.

THE DRUG TRAFFIC.

SEVERAL ARRESTS IN PARIS.

PARIS, April 9th.

Determined efforts by the Paris police to obliterate the increasing illegal traffic in drugs have resulted in numerous arrests recently, for instance, an arrest in connection with the death yesterday of the well-known actress, Vanda Sylva, who was found dead at Courbevoie, following an overdose of heroin, with a lady bar-rister stretched senseless alongside her. Other arrests involve a newsvendor who was seen slipping small packets into the folds of his newspapers. The packets were found to contain cocaine.

Two Corsicans in Marseilles were found in possession of three pounds of opium, while a man who was arrested in connection with the death of a girl from an overdose of morphine, cut his throat rather than face the charge.

POLICE AND DRUG SMUGGLERS.

PARIS, April 10th.

The arrest of a French gendarme, a taxi-driver and a German naval ex-officer as the trio alighted from a motor-car to-night is the latest development in the drug campaign. The gendarme carried a bag said to contain ten pounds of cocaine which is believed to emanate from Darmstadt and to be smuggled into France with the connivance of gendarmes.

DISARMAMENT.

RUSSIA BARS CONFERENCE ON SWISS SOIL.

MOSCOW, April 10th.

Replying to the League's last Note regarding the Disarmament Conference, the Soviets adhere to the former attitude of refusing to participate in a conference on Swiss soil.

THE COAL PROBLEM.

MINERS FAIL TO REACH DEFINITE DECISION.

LONDON, April 9th.

The Miners' Delegate Conference has not reached a definite decision, but has unanimously adopted the Executive's recommendations as given yesterday.

Another Delegate Conference is being called to arrive at a final decision. The Executive has succeeded in carrying a moderate policy and has avoided for the moment a decision which would have the effect of rejecting the owners' proposals outright, thus creating a deadlock. It is probable that the miners' leaders will confer with the Government before meeting the owners. The Miners' Executive is acting on the advice of the Industrial Committee of the Trades Union Congress that the negotiations should be continued in order that the points of difference between the parties shall be reduced to the smallest dimensions.

ATTEMPT ON MUSSOLINI.

HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE'S REGRETS.

LONDON, April 9th.

The British Ambassador to Rome has been commanded to convey His Majesty's regrets for the attempt on the life of Signor Mussolini.

BAGHDAD FLOODS.

ROYAL PALACE SURROUNDED BY FIERCE TORRENT.

BAGHDAD, April 9th.

The safety of Baghdad is threatened by unprecedented floods of the Tigris. The banks have been breached near the Royal Palace, which has been evacuated as it is surrounded by a fiercely flowing torrent.

RAILWAY STATION UNDER WATER.

LATER.

Ten thousand men, women and children are at present assembled on the East Embankment anxiously scanning the rapidly widening inland sea, while the new Arab Army, encouraged by the strains of a brass band are heroically moving enormous quantities of earth to reinforce the protecting banks of the Capital, hitherto safe thanks to 5,000 men working night and day to safeguard the city with its valuable stocks of fragile merchandise and thousands of flimsy houses built of mudbrick. The breach has actually widened. The North Railway Station is five feet under water.

COUNTY RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP.

YORKSHIRE NARROWLY DEFEAT HAMPSHIRE.

BEDFORD, April 10th.

In the County Championship Rugby final here to-day, which was favoured with glorious weather, 10,000 spectators saw Yorkshire beat Hampshire by 15 points to 14.

THE GAME DESCRIBED.

Yorkshire were mostly attacking, but after 18 minutes Richmond scored an unconverted try for Hampshire. Roberts dropped a goal. Shortly before the interval Tetley and Myers scored tries, Eastwood converting the last. Half-time: Yorkshire, 12 points; Hampshire, 3.

Three minutes after the resumption Caiger secured an unconverted try. Yorkshire then leading by 15 to 3. Hampshire improved, and the Yorkshire line had several narrow escapes. The last ten minutes were the most exciting. Richmond got a penalty goal and Palmer an unconverted try, and then Fulljames got a try, Richmond converting.

Final: Yorkshire, 1 goal, 1 dropped goal, 2 tries (15 pts.) Hampshire: 1 goal, 1 penalty goal, 2 tries (14 pts.)

LONDON-BRIGHTON RACE.

BIRCHFIELD HARRIERS BEAT THEIR OLD RECORD.

LONDON, April 10th.

Nineteen teams of ten men each started from Westminster Bridge for the London-Brighton Relay Race.

The Birchfield Harriers (holders) did the distance in 4 hours 45 mins., 34.1.5 secs., beating their old record of 4.50.0.1.5. The Surrey Athletic Club took 4.48.45.2.5 and the Hallamshire Harriers 4.50.10. Birchfield led throughout the race.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

AMATEUR TENNIS.

JAY GOULD LOSES CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

NEW YORK, April 10th.

Jay Gould, the National Amateur Real Tennis Champion since 1907, lost the title, by default, to Sugden. Cutting was unable to play owing to not having recovered from influenza.

TERRIBLE ORDEAL AT SEA.

SEQUEL TO COLLISION BETWEEN OIL STEAMERS.

NEW ORLEANS, April 9th.

Fifteen members of the crew of the Dutch oil steamer *Silvanus*, on which there was a serious explosion following a collision with the U.S. tanker *Thomas W. Wheeler*, have now been brought in. One Chinaman, who is badly burnt, said that the *Silvanus*, with a cargo of benzine, was nearly bisected by the collision. She later collided with the bank and was thrown back into the steam and carried off by the current. She burnt to the water's edge, and only twelve out of the 35 Chinese aboard were powerful enough to dive and remain under the water until they passed the burning oil. The others who jumped perished. All stripped before diving in.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

"MAKING THEM DANCE."

SHANGHAI COOLIES SHOT IN FEET BY U.S. SAILORS.

SHANGHAI, April 10th.

A fracas involving American sailors occurred early this morning in the Jukong Road.

It appears that four sailors of the American Navy and one from the U.S. President McKinley paraded Jukong Road firing revolvers at richha coolies' feet "to make them dance."

The police have arrested the sailors who are to be brought up at the court next week, charged with wounding coolies and the illegal possession of firearms.

Two coolies were wounded in the feet but neither seriously hurt.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

CUBAN CRISIS.

RUN ON BANK FORESTALLED BY PRESIDENT.

HAVANA, April 11th.

A threatened run on a certain bank was forestalled by President Machado, who visiting the bank deposited \$100,000, offering to make a loan from the Treasury. The President has stated that Cuba is passing through a slight crisis, and has asked the Press to co-operate and instil confidence.

U.S. IMMIGRATION.

SENATE REJECTS BILLS TO INCREASE QUOTAS.

WASHINGTON, April 11th.

Nearly a score of Bills designed to increase immigration quotas have been rejected by the Senate. The Immigration Committee Bills aimed at the admission of domestic servants, farm-hands and Americans' fiancées.

PROHIBITION ENQUIRY.

LABOUR WITNESSES PRONOUNCE LAW A FAILURE.

WASHINGTON, April 9th.

Labour witnesses at the Prohibition enquiry pronounced the law a failure because it favoured the rich at the expense of the poor.

They predicted that a national referendum would show that a majority of the people desired a change.

CANADIAN WITNESSES' VIEWS.

LATER.

Canada's experiments figured in to-day's evidence at the Prohibition Enquiry. Canadian witnesses testified that Western Canada suffered an unprecedented crime wave during the last two years of prohibition, but had completely recovered from this since the abolition of the bootlegger and rum-runners.

Sir William Stavert (Montreal) described Quebec's plan of liquor control, resulting in the banishment of the bootlegger, and asserted the law increased temperance and the people were satisfied.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE ON SLEEP.

A SECRET SUCCESS.

Mr. Lloyd George has given the secret of his wonderful staying power and vitality to an interviewer for the *American Magazine* in these terms: "I never had a wakeful night. That was my salvation, I could go over to a couch and lie down as I often do during hard days and I would be asleep in two or three minutes. Fifteen minutes or half an hour later I would wake up fresh and ready for work again. It is partly a gift, but there is a decided element of self-training about it. You can school yourself so that when the body is in repose the nerves will carry the message to the brain that this is the time for sleep, and that nothing else matters. To form that habit requires a definite exercise of the will."

"Did you never walk the floor all night, even in the most critical period of the war?" he was asked.

"Never! The most critical period was the month in which the Germans sank eight hundred thousand tons of shipping. If the destruction had continued at that rate we should have been whipped before America could make her power felt. I made a quick re-survey of our resources and formulated a decision. In war rapid decisions are almost as valuable as right decisions. Then, having done everything that could be done, I finished the day and went to sleep."

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S SHIELD GAMES NOT PLAYED.

SPECTATORS DISAPPOINTED.

Following heavy rains on Friday night and Saturday morning, a message was received at 1.15 p.m. saying that the Hongkong F.C. ground was under water, and as rain was then falling heavily messages were sent out to say that the Shield games would not be played. The afternoon brightened up and Mr. McTavish with a party of coolies started to clear the playing pitch. Hurried messages were sent out to the East Surreys and Kowloon informing them that the game would be played at 4.30 p.m.

At the time appointed, both teams were ready at full strength except Simms of Kowloon. The Referee, Atkinson, then made an inspection of the ground and reported that it was not fit for a Shield game. The captains then decided to play a friendly game but after a delay of twenty minutes the game was declared off, much to the disappointment of a large number of spectators who had turned out to witness the Shield game.

The Garrison ground at Sookunpoo was reported to be under water at 9.30 a.m. and the ground closed for the day. Subject to weather conditions the Shield finals have been arranged for Saturday next.

CHARITY CUP COMPETITION.

Subject to the allocation of the ground the final in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup Competition is to be played on the Sookunpoo "A" ground on Saturday, April 24th, kick-off being at 4.30 p.m.

LEAGUE GAMES.

On Wednesday the following games are to be played in the Senior Division of the League.

Hongkong Club v. Kowloon (Club ground, kick off at 5.15 p.m.)
South China v. Police (Sookunpoo "A" ground, kick off at 5.15 p.m.)

INTERPORT FOOTBALLERS LEAVE.

The Shanghai Portuguese Interport Football team left for Shanghai by the s.s. *President Cleveland* on Saturday. On Friday night, following their last match in the afternoon, there was a farewell dance at the Club de Recreio. The Club gave its guests a "royal" time, festivities being prolonged until the early hours of Saturday morning. In addition to dancing, there was music, and some boxing between members of the Shanghai team and members of the Club de Recreio.

LAWN TENNIS.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURE LIST.

Weather permitting, the following matches will be played off at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground to-day, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

CRICKETERS.—M. K. Lo and M. W. Lo v. Major C. Willson and G. R. Sayer.
Club Singles.—R. E. GreenSmith v. R. E. Coxon.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.—D. B. Pent and D. E. G. Nicholson (rec. 2/6) v. C. Miskin and A. Dyer Ball (owe 5/6); J. H. Stolliffe and R. W. Lee (rec. 2/6) v. H. Owen Hughes and R. M. Henderson (owe 15).

CRICKET.

The H.K. Cricket League programme will be completed next Saturday, when the outstanding match in the First Division between the East Surreys and the Royal Artillery will be played. Whatever the result of this match, it will make no difference to either club's position in the League.

HOCKEY.

R.A. DEFEAT CLUB.

Playing at Kowloon on Friday evening, the Royal Artillery defeated the Hongkong Hockey Club "A" team by three goals to one. The Club started play with ten men. At half-time the score stood in favour of the Club by 3 goals to nil. Ramsay scored the Club's only goal in the second half.

SHANGHAI RACING.

YOUNG RIDERS' OPPORTUNITY.

A writer in the *N.C. Daily News* says: J. K. Brand sails for Home on Friday on long leave and therefore, of course, will not be seen in the saddle at the May Meeting. Brand would be much missed at any time, for now that Hill has left China and C. R. Burkill rides only occasionally, Brand takes pride of place as our leading jockey, not perhaps in the view of many, that he necessarily is a better horseman than Heard, but whereas Heard can only make 150 lb., or maybe a pound or two less, by living on radishes and silent water, and engaging in most strenuous training, Brand at all times can do 140 lb. without any wadding and so has a wider range of mounts. Just at this time Brand will be missed more than ever, for there is an amazing scarcity of jockeys.

There are exactly 100 men with permits to ride, but in the case of a large number of veterans and heavyweights it is purely a formality, and a careful survey of the list shows only 16 jockeys out of (Continued at foot of next Column.)

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S LEAGUE MATCHES.

LONDON, April 10th.

The following English and Scottish League matches were played on "Saturday."

THE LEAGUE: DIVISION ONE.

Birmingham, 1; Burnley, 7.
Blackburn R., 7; Manchester, U., 0.
Bury, 0; Liverpool, 1.
Cardiff C., 0; Bolton W., 1.
Huddersfield T., 2; West Ham U., 1.
Manchester C., 4; Aston Villa, 2.
Sheffield U., 4; Newcastle U., 3.
Sunderland, 2; Arsenal, 1.
Tottenham H., 4; Notts C., 0.
West Bromwich A., 3; Leeds U., 0.

THE LEAGUE: DIVISION TWO.

Blackpool, 4; Stockport C., 1.
Bradford C., 2; Middlesbrough, 0.
Chelsea, 0; The Wednesday, 0.
Clapton O., 2; Swansea Town, 0.
Darlington, 1; Oldham A., 0.
Derby C., 2; Preston N.E., 0.
Hull City, 1; Stoke C., 0.
Nottingham F., 4; South Shields, 1.
Port Vale, 1; Portsmouth, 1.
Southampton, 2; Fulham, 0.

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTHERN).

Aberdare A., 2; Reading, 2.
Brentford, 0; Gillingham, 0.
Brighton and H.A., 3; Bournemouth and B.A., 1.
Bristol C., 1; Newport C., 2.
Crystal Palace, 3; Merthyr T., 0.
Millwall, 3; Swindon T., 0.
Northampton, 2; Exeter C., 1.
Norwich C., 1; Bristol R., 3.
Plymouth A., 4; Luton T., 3.
Southend U., 2; Queen's Park R., 1.
Watford, 1; Charlton A., 1.

THIRD DIVISION (NORTHERN).

Ashington, 4; Rotherham U., 2.
Barrow, 0; Grimsby T., 3.
Coventry C., 2; Chesterfield, 4.
Crewe A., 2; Durham C., 0.
Doncaster R., 4; Tranmere R., 0.
Lincoln C., 2; Hartlepool U., 1.
Nelson, 2; Bradford, 2.
N. Brighton, 4; Accrington S., 1.
Southport, 1; Rochdale, 7.
Wigan Boro., 0; Halifax T., 0.
Wrexham, 0; Walsall, 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Clydebank, 2; Rangers, 2.
Cowdenbeath, 1; Airdrieonians, 0.
Dundee, 2; Queen's Park, 1.
Hibernians, 3; Dundee U., 6.
Kilmarnock, 1; Motherwell, 2.
Raith R., 0; Hamilton A., 2.
St. Johnstone, 2; Falkirk, 1.

ST. MIRREN WIN SCOTTISH CUP.

GLASGOW, April 10th.
At Hampden Park to-day, in the Scottish Association Cup Final, St. Mirren beat Celtic by two goals to nil.

RECORD ATTENDANCE AND RECEIPTS.
The official attendance at the Scottish Cup Final was 98,920, and the receipts, exclusive of tax and bookings, £23,700—both records.

THE GAME.

Celtic were handicapped at the last minute by the unfitness of McLean, the international left-winger. The St. Mirren halves dominated the game throughout. In a sensational start, McCrae (St. Mirren) scored with a header following a free-kick in the third minute of the game. Twenty-five minutes later Howison scored a second, and at the interval the score stood at 2/0.

On the resumption the Celtic defence were almost overwhelmed, and only the magnificent goalkeeping of Shevin saved them. St. Mirren winning by two goals to nil.

DIVORCED 36 TIMES.

HOW IT IS DONE IN JAPAN.

The easy practice still survives in Japan of getting rid of a wife by giving her a letter of divorce, and the *Japan Times* publishes the story of a woman who is blessed with no fewer than 36 letters of divorce. A rich man and a comely young woman were seen fighting the fighters to betake themselves to the Itabashi Police Station, there to be advised how to settle their quarrel. Then the story of the woman's early career and first divorce came out. After that divorce she had been making a practice of marrying soft sort of fellows and then running away with things not belonging to her, each adventure bringing her a letter of divorce. The questioning of the police has revealed the fact that the woman had got in her own possession 12 such letters in addition to 24 more stored away at her mother's home. The rich man who had been quarrelling with her, as her latest husband, went away much frightened when he learned all about this very much married woman.

The novice class who will be available for the Spring Meeting and it is doubtful if more than 10 of them can get below 150 lb. In addition there are 17 novices, but several of these do not show much ambition to ride any but their own ponies and in any case there are few of them whom owners would care to mount on anything of which they had hopes. So altogether the outlook is not too bright. Evidently four or five jockeys will have a monopoly of wins, just as it is the case with Shanghai jockeys in Hongkong, and if there are any young men about who have ambitions this way it would be worth their while to get proper coaching—not be content with "picking it up"—for it would not be difficult in these days for a pushful and capable young lightweight to make his way to the top.

FOOD IDIOSYNCRASIES.

STOMACH AND BRAIN.

In a lecture delivered at the Institute of Hygiene on "Disorders of Digestion During School Life," Dr. W. Solman Fenwick said that all dietetic aversions were not due to faulty education; food idiosyncrasy was one of the most important causes of want of appetite and indigestion in early life. Eggs were a veritable poison to many individuals, add even a small portion of the white might produce violent abdominal pain, vomiting, swelling of the face, and even dangerous collapse. Oatmeal, mackerel and other fish, milk (fresh, boiled, dried, sterilised, preserved, or in tea, puddings, custard, or junk), fruits and vegetables, all kinds of meat—in fact, practically every food was a poison to some person or persons. So numerous were these natural idiosyncrasies and so often were they overlooked that whenever a healthy child suffered from periodic attacks of indigestion, sickness, diarrhoea, or nettleshot attention should at once be directed to the food consumed on the day of the attack or on that immediately preceding it.

"Some children evinced a passion for lemons or other sour fruits, vinegar, pickles, raw turnips, nuts, and even eggshells, large quantities of which might be devoured without apparent detriment. On the other hand, 'salt-heads,' who devoured the contents of the salt-cellar at every meal and took every opportunity of stealing common salt to satisfy their peculiar infatuation for it, were very apt to develop dropsy and anæmia, which closely resembled the effect of kidney disease; whilst those who habitually sucked their hair or chewed pieces of cotton or thread suffer from the formation of 'hair balls.' Disturbed sleep due to bad dreams or nightmares was a common result of indigestion, and usually ensued from indigestible food at bedtime. Nightmares due to indigestion frequently concerned imaginary attacks by cats or bears, or murderous assaults with knives, while children affected with short sight not corrected by glasses more often experienced the terrors of falling from a height. Tricks, the lecturer went on to say, were not always wilful or due to lack of proper self-control. A child who appeared somnolent in school and unable to grasp what was being taught was undoubtedly stigmatised as indolent or intensely stupid. In many cases, however, such manifestations were in reality beyond control. They might be due to maldigestion of the last meal or idiosyncrasy, whereby poisons generated in the stomach were absorbed into the general circulation and exerted a specific influence upon the higher centres of the brain (thus causing drowsiness or intention) or upon the respiratory centre in the medulla oblongata (thus causing deep sighs, incessant yawning, or frequent short barking coughs). The stationary 'cold tub' before breakfast might, Dr. Fenwick suggested, induce digestive disturbance, and was, therefore, only good for those with whom it agreed."

GROWING PAINS.

SPOILING THAT MAKES PETER PAINS.

The difficult process of growing up was explained by Dr. Elizabeth M. Sloan Chesser, speaking under the auspices of the Parents' Association in London recently. "Life is a continual 'rebirth' of the personality, and that is what makes it interesting," said Dr. Chesser. "One of the chief dangers in dealing with children is over-indulgence and spoiling of the child, so that he gets a fantasy of himself as perfect, wonderful, and clever. This idea is not that of his world as he grows up physically, so he refuses to face the truth-reality, and remains fixed psychologically in early childhood. These 'Peter Pans' of life are a trial to others and they very readily develop neurotic and nervous ailments in after life. We may remain fixed at any stage—nursery, school, or later adolescence. The majority of people in this present stage of civilisation have never passed their teens, growing up having been so painful as to have become impossible. I know boys of 18, older physiologically than their fathers, and girls more really grown up than their mothers of 40. Perhaps that is sometimes the reason why young people are called 'difficult' by the older generation."

The signs of failing to grow up, added the speaker, were selfishness, egotism, self-admiration, and the tendency to self-pity and to feel unappreciated. The world was full of "Mary Rose" women, living miserably, seeing nothing of the world of reality. Why was growing up a painful process? The rebels of the world were very often adolescent physiologically. Politicians who believed that an Act of Parliament would bring about social "Utopia" were adolescents. Extremists of all parties—red Communists, black Fascists, die-hard intolerant Conservatives—none of these were grown up. People who had grown up had a tolerant attitude towards one another. Dr. Chesser said young girls and future mothers should be educated on three lines—intellectually, emotionally, and they should be taught to do things and how to make themselves generally useful. All the new teachings of people who called themselves the new psychologists could be found in the New Testament.

CHILDLESS WIVES.

HOME SECRETARY SUPPORTS ADOPTION BILL.

The House of Commons recently considered the question of legalising the adoption of children on the Bill, moved by Mr. J. F. W. GALBRAITH, K.C., Conservative member for the East Surrey Division.

Mr. Galbraith explained that the Bill empowered the courts to make orders for the adoption of children when joint application was made by the husband and wife. The adopted child would be in the position of a child born to the adopted in lawful wedlock.

HOME SECRETARY'S SUPPORT.

Sir WILLIAM JOYNSON-HICKS, intimating that the Bill had the approval of the Government, said that we were almost the only civilised country in which no provision was made for the adoption of children. In the civilised countries of today the system had been fully and frankly adopted, and in the English-speaking countries it was working admirably in the interests of the child.

He indicated that after a few years' experience it might be necessary to amend the law. The Chancery Court, he thought, was a somewhat expensive amusement. There would be thousands of cases under this Bill which could not afford that luxury, and in his view the proper court was the magistrate's court, which was really the people's court.

The question of secrecy was one of considerable difficulty, but with the legalising of adoption the need for secrecy would cease.

ELECTION TALKS RESENTED.

Mr. PALIN, supporting the Bill, resented the charge sometimes made against the Labour Party at elections that they wanted to nationalise women and children and put them into institutions.

Mrs. PHILLIPS smiled.
Mr. PALIN: You laugh, but it is no laughing matter for us who are fathers of families. Our experience leads us to the opinion that institutional life is not a good thing.

Colonel HEADLAM, Unionist member for Barnard Castle, who stated that he himself had adopted a child, emphasised the necessity of preserving secrecy, and he suggested that the birth certificate of an adopted child should contain no names other than the names of the foster-parents.

Sir W. JOYNSON-HICKS: That is exactly what has been arranged with the Registrar-General.

WOMEN M.P.'S VIEWS.

Miss WILKINSON was all in favour of legalising adoption. She hoped it would deal finally with the empty-headed woman without children who, attracted by a duffy-haired, blue-eyed little thing, adopted it, and when the gawky age was reached threw it out upon the world—a wail that nobody wanted.

The Bill, if it did nothing else, would bring home to such women a sense of their responsibility.

There were dangers about final adoptions which the House ought to consider before finally giving approval to the Bill. She asked whether under the Bill adoption would be so strictly irrevocable in cases which had turned out very unsatisfactory. Would it be possible for such cases to be reviewed by the tribunal?

Miss Wilkinson also emphasised the need of safeguards against adopted children being used as domestic drudges.

Mrs. PHILLIPS did not agree with Miss Wilkinson that any woman would adopt a baby because it had blue eyes and duffy hair. Her experience was that women adopted children because of their love for them.

She hoped the Bill would go to a committee and become law with the least possible revision.

MR. THURTELL, referring to the Home Secretary's approval of the measure, said they did him an injustice when they thought of him as a hopeless reactionary. From time to time they saw signs that Home Secretary took a progressive view. They had seen one of those signs to-day, and he welcomed it.

The Bill was unanimously read a second time.

STOLEN PICTURES.

RETURNED BY POST.

The audacious theft of four paintings by Constable, valued at £2,000, from the Royal Academy, London, last month, and the disappearance of a Birket Foster painting called "The Hen Coop" from the City Corporation picture gallery at the Guildhall, E.C., had an extraordinary sequel. By a late post a parcel containing three of the missing Constables and the Birket Foster reached the office of *The Daily Mail*, Carmelite House, E.C.

The pictures had been taken from their gilt frames and were covered only by a thin piece of crumpled brown paper bearing on halfpenny stamps and an address consisting of the printed words "The Daily Mail" cut from the previous day's issue of the newspaper and pasted on to the wrapper.

Mr. Sims, the Keeper of the Royal Academy, who on been told of the development, hurried from Burlington House and at once identified the three Constables.

To a reporter Mr. Sims said:—This is most extraordinary. The pictures are undamaged except one, where in four small places the paint has been flaked off. This has probably been done in the post. It is obvious that the thieves have taken the pictures out of the frames to facilitate the posting. I suppose we shall never get the frames back, but this is only a small matter. The picture that is damaged in those small places can very easily be put right again by skilled hands. It is, no doubt, through the publicity given to the theft by *The Daily Mail* that they have been returned, the thieves obviously realising that they could not be disposed of.

THE OFFER TO CAIRO MUSEUM.

WILL IT BE ACCEPTED?

LOOKING A GIFT-HORSE IN THE MOUTH.

[BY ARTHUR WEIGALL IN "THE OBSERVER."]

The offer of £2,000,000 to King Fouad for the establishment of an archaeological institute in Egypt will be received, I fancy, with something like consternation by the Egyptian Government, for it is a police, and also a generous way of telling them that their stewardship of the antiquities of the country is not all that it should be.

The offer is so munificent that they will not like to refuse it, and will fear that by doing so they might be accused of obstructing scientific progress and efficiency; but, on the other hand, they will feel that by accepting it they will run the risk of placing the vast collections in the Cairo Museum, and the ancient remains throughout the Nile Valley, and all the widely extended activities of the Government Department of Antiquities, under foreign control.

That Department is at present administered by French and English scholars and Egyptian officials; and this offer may seem to the latter to endanger political and national principles, and to the former it may perhaps appear to be not unconnected with the internal politics of the little world of Egyptology. There may, in fact, be a very bitter pill for somebody hidden in this huge lump of jann.

THE PRESENT POSITION.

The Department of Antiquities is a branch of the Ministry of Public Works, and therefore at its head are the native Minister and Under-Secretary, who are responsible to the State. Under them is the Director of Antiquities, who, by the terms of the old Anglo-French Treaty, must be a Frenchman; and at present a very eminent scholar, Monsieur Lacau, holds the position, he being the successor of Maspero, de Morgan, Mariette, and other famous French savants. Under him, again, are English and French scholars—J. E. Quibell, C. C. Edgar, C. Firth, R. Engelbach, G. Lefebvre, and others, some of whom are curators in the museum in Cairo; others carry on excavations, and yet others look after the ancient sites and do the administrative work throughout the country, with the aid of Egyptian inspectors and other officials. There used to be an international archaeological committee, of which the Director of Antiquities was chairman, and which used to advise him; but I do not think that this committee is now active.

All Egyptologists who wish to excavate or do other work in Egypt have to apply to the Department of Antiquities for their concessions or permits, and they are supposed to be under the supervision of the Department's inspectors. Everything an excavator finds belongs to the Egyptian Government, but the latter undertakes to give to the former up to half of the objects discovered, provided that they are to be sent to a recognised museum. Certain sites, however, such as the Valley of the Kings, are Government "reserves," and in these the conditions of the excavating concessions are different: for instance, in the case of the Tomb of Tutankhamen, all the objects found have to go to the Cairo Museum.

A NEW LAW.

It is now proposed to pass a law by the terms of which a much larger percentage of the antiquities discovered in all excavations shall remain in Egypt; and this has naturally frightened the excavators, partly because they will not be able so readily to raise funds for their work if they are not to have a profitable return in specimens for their museums, and partly because the Cairo Museum is not the safest place in the world wherein to preserve priceless antiquities. The building is not very satisfactory, the show-cases are poor, and the staff of curators is overworked. The budget of the Department is big, but it is not big enough; and there is nothing like the general efficiency and smartness which is to be found in the British Museum or the Metropolitan Museum of New York.

In recent years the Americans have been conducting excavations in Egypt on a very grand scale; and the New Yorkers, by lending members of their staff to Mr. Howard Carter in the Valley of the Kings, have increased their standing in the country. Prof. Breasted, too, who helped in that particular work, and is perhaps the leading all-round Egyptologist of the day, has great influence in archaeological matters there; and it is he who has presented the Rockefeller offer. But it was Mr. Carter and his helpers who recently came to blows with the Department of Antiquities over the respective rights of either party in regard to that tomb; and both in this respect and also in connection with the proposed new law, the French Director of the Department has come in for a good deal of criticism.

QUARRELS OF SCIENCE.

This offer, therefore, might be interpreted as a move to bring him to heel, to establish the American excavators, and those of other countries whose sympathies are with them, as absolute dictators in all archaeological affairs of the country. On the other hand, it may have no such purpose, and may be prompted simply by the desire to aid the Department to carry out its work more efficiently.

If the Egyptian Government were in a position itself to provide £2,000,000, one would say that it would be better for it to refuse the offer, and to keep its freedom; but, since this is unlikely, there can be no question that the establishment of a powerful institute in Cairo, which insisted upon efficiency in the museum, and in the care of the ancient sites, would be of enormous benefit to Egyptology. The Egyptians themselves, however, will not like to think of their Department of Antiquities as being under foreign pressure, and there will be some English and other Western excavators who will look with misgiving at the proposal, feeling that it emanates from one party in the internal dissensions of the science. Still, when one thinks what could be done for Egyptology with that £2,000,000, the question of future rights and privileges must surely seem relatively unimportant.



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HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Meteorology, April 11th.

	Day at 2 p.m.	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.76	29.78	29.76
Temperature	83	65	66
Humidity	95	94	89
Wind Direction	E	E	E
Force	4	4	4
Weather	OD	OD	OD
Rain	4.04	0.00	0.49

Highest open-air Temperature on 10th ... 79
Lowest open-air Temperature on 11th ... 64

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 12th to 18th, 1926.

Days of Week	Days of Month	High Water			Low Water		
		H'kong Standard Time	Height	ft. in.	H'kong Standard Time	Height	ft. in.
Mon.	12	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		9 18	5 8	3 23	1 7		
Tues.	13	9 52	6 5	3 23	1 7		
		10 44	6 1	4 9	1 3		
Wed.	14	10 15	6 3	4 17	1 2		
		11 35	6 8	4 54	1 3		
Thur.	15	10 45	6 5	4 47	1 2		
				5 39	1 2		
Fri.	16	0 28	5 0	5 13	0 8		
		11 16	6 5	6 26	1 4		
Satur.	17	1 23	4 5	5 34	3 4		
		11 48	6 4	7 21	1 7		
Sun.	18	2 49	4 1	5 54	3 7		
		0 23	6 2	8 33	1 9		

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

April 9th.
Ming Sang, British str., 960 tons, Capt. P. R. Gay Cuming, from Haiphong and Hoibong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C33—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

New Mathilda, British str., 842 tons, Capt. E. G. Rapley, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C30—Yick Tai S.S. Co.
Yamagata Maru, Japanese str., 3,322 tons, Capt. K. Dote, from Yokohama and Moji, the latter port she left on April 4th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A2—N.Y.K.

April 10th.
Benlomont, British str., 3,123 tons, Capt. F. Smith, from London and Manila, the latter port she left on April 7th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Gibbs Livingstone & Co.

Empress of Australia, British str., 12,202 tons, Capt. A. J. Hailly, from Vancouver, which port she left on March 20th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—C.P.R.

Haiyang, British str., 1,362 tons, Capt. W. C. Passmore, from Foochow and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

Hakusaki Maru, Japanese str., 6,310 tons, Capt. T. Sakine, from Yokohama and Shanghai, the latter port she left on April 7th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1—N.Y.K.

Veronesi, British str., 4,310 tons, Capt. A. Ogden, from Swansea and Singapore, the former port she left on February 27th and the latter on April 6th, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf—B. & S.

Pan Sang, Chinese str., 729 tons, Capt. Chan Kam, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C36—Teen Shing S.S. Co.

Tjipung, Dutch str., 2,775 tons, Capt. C. J. Groetes, from Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters—J.C.C.L.

Tokushima Maru, Japanese str., 3,072 tons, Capt. S. Kubo, from Bombay and Singapore, the latter port she left on April 4th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A6—N.Y.K.

Tai So Ma, Chinese str., 402 tons, Capt. W. Y. Sun, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C11—Wing Via S.S. Co.

April 11th.
Parlet, American str., 3,721 tons, Capt. K. L. Hogstrom, from Manila, which port she left on April 7th, with heavy and sugar, lying at buoy No. A27—Struthers & Barry.

Talamba, British str., 8,017 tons, Capt. J. A. Wright, from Calcutta, Penang and Singapore, she left Calcutta on March 20th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Hakusaka Maru, Japanese str., 3,804 tons, from Singapore, which port she left on April 6th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A30—N.Y.K.

CLEARANCES.

April 10th.
Chihli, for Saigon.
Chipping, for Tientsin.
Haiyang, for Singapore.
Hakusaki Maru, for Singapore.
Haidong, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Kunchow, for Shanghai.
Nitta Maru, for Choboo.
Tjikandi, for Batavia.
Tokushima Maru, for Shanghai.
Yamagata Maru, for Singapore.
 April 11th.
Hagan Maru, for Swatow.
Wakasa Maru, for Shanghai.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. *Mauretania*, from Hongkong, arrived at London on April 8th at 7 a.m.
 The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* left Yokohama on April 10th, and is due at Vancouver on April 19th.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Benlimes (Ben Line), due April 14th.
Ceylon (Swedish East Asiatic), due May 12th.
Empress of Asia (C.P.R.), due April 21st.
Sumatra, due April 23rd.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

The following vessels are in Dock:—
 Kowloon Dock—Passet, Tangistan, Seistan, Anyo Maru.
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 M/V "VOGTLAND" ... on or about 21st June.

SAILINGS FOR SHANGHAI AND JAPAN:—

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HONGKONG SHIPPING.

The week-end shipping statement showed that the number of vessels in the harbour at 9 a.m. on Saturday was 63, of which 30 were British; while at the same hour yesterday morning there were 38 vessels in the harbour, of which 29 were British.

During the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. on Saturday nine vessels arrived, viz., five British, two Japanese and two Chinese. The departures over the same period numbered nine, viz., five British, one Portuguese, two Japanese and one Chinese. For the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday there were ten arrivals, viz., five British, one Dutch, one American, two Japanese and one Chinese. The departures during the same period numbered twelve, viz., three British, two American, one Norwegian, five Japanese and one Dutch.

CARGO ENTERED.

(During 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday).

For Hongkong ... 6,703 tons.

For ports beyond ... 25,651

Total ... 32,354

(During previous 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Saturday).

For Hongkong ... 6,745 tons.

For ports beyond ... 4,118

Total ... 10,863

It is interesting to note that in connection with Saturday's cargo there was only one entry for ports beyond, this being made by a Japanese steamer from Yokohama.

SHIPPING NOTES.

According to a report made to the Harbour Office, the s.s. *Hydrangum* grounded on the rocks off Ah Chau Island from 7.15 a.m. to 8.35 a.m. on April 10th while on her way to Hongkong from Kwang Chow Wan. The ship sustained no damage so far as is known, and got off without assistance.

Mr. E. L. Matteson, who has had control of the local office of the Dollar and Admiral Oriental Lines for sometime, left the Colony on Home leave on Saturday by the s.s. *President Cleveland*, being accompanied by his wife and child. It is not definitely known whether Mr. Matteson will return to Hongkong when his vacation is over. The management of the local office is now in hands of Mr. Tindling, who came down from Shanghai.

A notice from the Royal Naval Armament Department states that the annual proof of sound and signal rockets, lights, etc., and flares, will be carried out today at Stonecutters Island from about 6.30 p.m. onwards.

The master of the s.s. *Talamba* from Singapore, reported to the Harbour Office yesterday that during the voyage to Hongkong one deck passenger died from heart failure.

The Blue Funnel liner *Antiochus* arrived at Marseilles, April 3rd; *Perseus* arrived at Marseilles, April 5th; *Hector* arrived London, April 6th.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONGKONG.

(STANDARD TIME OF THE 120TH MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH).

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
April 12th	6.07 a.m.	6.42 p.m.
" 13th	6.05 "	6.42 "
" 14th	6.05 "	6.43 "
" 15th	6.04 "	6.43 "
" 16th	6.03 "	6.43 "
" 17th	6.02 "	6.44 "
" 18th	6.01 "	6.44 "
" 19th	6.01 "	6.45 "
" 20th	6.00 "	6.46 "
" 21st	5.59 "	6.46 "
" 22nd	5.58 "	6.46 "
" 23rd	5.57 "	6.46 "
" 24th	5.56 "	6.47 "
" 25th	5.55 "	6.47 "
" 26th	5.55 "	6.48 "
" 27th	5.54 "	6.48 "
" 28th	5.54 "	6.48 "
" 29th	5.53 "	6.48 "
" 30th	5.52 "	6.49 "

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast and remarks by the Royal Observatory said:—The anti-cyclone is central over S.W. Japan. The depression appears to be central over Hainan.
 Local forecast: E. winds, fresh, overcast, rain.



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EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	July 23	July 26	July 29	Aug. 1	Aug. 9
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	Aug. 6	Aug. 9	Aug. 12	Aug. 14	Aug. 23
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 TAMBA MARU ... Thursday, 10th April.

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 MOJI MARU ... Sunday, 12th April.

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AMBOISE ... B	—	—	27th Apr., "
ANGERS ... B	12th Mar., 1926	12th Apr., 1926	11th May, "
AMAZONE ... B	26th Mar., "	27th Apr., "	26th May, "
D'ARTAGNAN ... B	9th Apr., "	11th May, "	9th June, "
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SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Thursday,	15th April, at Noon
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG"	Friday,	16th April, at 9 a.m.
KOBE	"YUENSANG"	Saturday,	17th April, at Noon
TSINGTAO via SHANGHAI	"YATSHING"	Wednesday,	21st April, at Noon
KOBE	"HOSANG"	Thursday,	22nd April, at 7 a.m.
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TJIKEMBANG	BATAVIA	18th "	22nd "	SHANGHAI
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TJIKINI	JAPAN	22nd "	22nd "	BATAVIA
TJIKARANG	BATAVIA	24th May	6th May	SHANGHAI
TJIKEMBANG	SHANGHAI	3rd "	6th "	BATAVIA
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"KHYBER"	9,114	30th April	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,958	3rd May	Shanghai.
"MALWA"	10,941	14th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	28th May	do.
"PADU"	9,807	30th May	Shanghai and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,089	11th June	do.
"DELTA"	8,097	11th June	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
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"KALYAN"	9,144	5th Aug.	do.
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BANGKOK	"CHINEHUA"	On 16th April	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUNNING"	On 17th April	4 p.m.
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